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I. Proposed provisional agenda for the substantive session of 2005 of the Council and list of documents for each agenda item

1. **Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters**

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General on proposed themes for the high-level and coordination segments of the 2006 substantive session of the Council (General Assembly resolution 50/227, annex I)

High-level segment[1]

2. **Achieving the internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the Millennium Declaration, as well as implementing the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits: progress made, challenges and opportunities**

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the theme (Council decision 2004/294)

World Economic and Social Survey, 2005, part one (chap. I)

Relevant part of the report of the Committee for Development Policy on its seventh session (Council resolution 2004/66)

Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation segment

3. **Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation**

(a) **Follow-up to policy recommendations of the General Assembly and the Council**

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on comprehensive statistical data on operational activities for development of the United Nations system (General Assembly resolutions 35/81 and 59/250, para. 22)[2]

Report of the Secretary-General on funding for operational activities for development of the United Nations system (General Assembly resolution 59/250, para. 24)[2]

Report of the Secretary-General on a programme of work for the full implementation of simplification and harmonization measures (General Assembly resolution 59/250, para. 37)

Report of the Secretary-General on an appropriate management process, containing clear guidelines, targets, benchmarks and time frames for the full implementation of

the triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system (General Assembly resolution 59/250, para. 101)

(b) Reports of the Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund, the United Nations Children's Fund and the World Food Programme

Documentation

Reports of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/ United Nations Population Fund on its second regular session of 2004 and on its first regular session and annual session of 2005 (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, annex, and 59/250 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Annual report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, annex, and 59/250 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Reports of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund on its second regular session of 2004 and on its first regular session and annual session of 2005 (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, annex, and 59/250 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Annual report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, annex, and 59/250 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Report of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme on its 2004 sessions (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, annex, and 59/250 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Annual report of the Executive Director of the World Food Programme (General Assembly resolutions 50/8 and 59/250 and Council resolution 1995/51)

(c) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries

Documentation

Report of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (General Assembly resolution 33/134)[2]

Coordination segment

4. Towards achieving internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the Millennium Declaration

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the theme (Council decision 2004/292)

Humanitarian affairs segment

5. Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the progress made in strengthening the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations (General Assembly resolution 59/141 and Council resolution 2004/50)[2]

General segment

6. Implementation of and follow-up to major international United Nations conferences and summits

Documentation

Updated report of the Secretary-General on the role of the Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits in the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 50/227, 52/12 B and 57/270 B (Council resolution 2004/44) (see also item 8)

(a) Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development

Documentation

Summary by the President of the Council of the special high-level meeting of the Council with the Bretton Woods institutions and the World Trade Organization (General Assembly resolution 58/230 and Council resolution 2004/64)

(b) Review and coordination of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010[2]

Documentation

Annual progress report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010 (General Assembly resolution 59/244 and Council resolution 2004/65)[2]

7. Coordination, programme and other questions

(a) Reports of coordination bodies

Documentation

Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its forty-fifth session

Annual overview report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination for 2004

(b) Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007

Documentation

Relevant sections of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 (Council resolution 1988/77 and General Assembly resolution 58/269)

Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its forty-fifth session

(c) International cooperation in the field of informatics

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the action taken to follow up on the need to harmonize and improve United Nations informatics systems for optimal utilization and accessibility by all States, including the findings of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics and an assessment of its work and mandate (Council resolution 2004/51)

(d) Long-term programme of support for Haiti

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (Council resolution 2004/52)

Report of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti (Council decision 2004/322)

(e) Mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, including progress in the area of gender mainstreaming (Assembly resolution 59/168 and Council resolution 2004/4) (also under item 14 (a))[2]

(f) Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) Task Force

Documentation

Annual report of the Secretary-General on the Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) Task Force (Council decisions 2001/210 and 2004/296)

(g) Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Director of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) (Council resolution 2003/18)

8. Implementation of General Assembly resolutions 50/227, 52/12 B and 57/270 B

Documentation

Updated report of the Secretary-General on the role of the Economic and Social Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits in the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 50/227, 52/12 B and 57/270 B (Council resolution 2004/44) (see also item 6)

9. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people (General Assembly resolution 59/56 and Council resolution 2100 (LXIII))[2]

Report of the President of the Council on consultations held with the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (Council resolution 2004/53)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the Council (Council resolution 2004/53)

10. Regional cooperation

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation (Council decision 1979/1)

Summary of the economic survey of Europe, 2004

Summary of the survey of economic and social conditions in Africa, 2004

Summary of the survey of economic and social conditions in Asia and the Pacific, 2005

Summary of the economic survey of Latin America and the Caribbean, 2004

Summary of economic and social developments in the region of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, 2004-2005

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Secretaries of the Economic Commission for Africa and the Economic Commission for Europe on the Europe-Africa permanent link through the Strait of Gibraltar (Council resolution 2003/52)

11. Economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Council resolution 2004/54[2]

12. Non-governmental organizations

Documentation

Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations (Council resolutions 3 (II) and 1996/31 and Council decision 1995/304)

13. Economic and environmental questions

Documentation

Consolidated report of the Secretary-General on the work of the functional commissions of the Council in 2005 (Council agreed conclusions 2002/1 and resolution 2004/63) (see also under item 14)

(a) Sustainable development

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Sustainable Development on its thirteenth session (Council decision 1993/207)

Report of the Committee for Development Policy on its seventh session (Council resolutions 1079 (XXXIX), 1625 (LI) and 2000/34)

Report of the Secretary-General on system-wide inter-agency cooperation and coordination for the implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (General Assembly resolution 59/227)[3]

(b) Science and technology for development

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development on its eighth session (General Assembly resolution 46/235, annex)

(c) Statistics

Documentation

Report of the Statistical Commission on its thirty-sixth session (Council resolutions 8 (I), 8 (II) and 1566 (L) and Council decision 2004/236)

(d) Human settlements[4]

Documentation

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme on its twentieth session (General Assembly resolution 56/206)[2]

(e) Environment

Documentation

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its twenty-third session (General Assembly resolutions 2997 (XXVII) and 53/242)[2]

(f) Population and development

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Population and Development on its thirty-eighth session (General Assembly resolution 48/128 and Council decision 2004/237)

(g) Public administration and development

Documentation

Report of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration on its fourth session (Council resolution 2003/60). At its resumed substantive session of 2004, the Council decided to defer to its *organizational session*, in January 2005, its consideration of the recommendations contained in the report of the Committee on its third session (Council decision 2004/325).

(h) International cooperation in tax matters

Documentation

Report of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters (the former Ad Hoc Group of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters) on its first session (Council resolution 2004/69)

(i) United Nations Forum on Forests

Documentation

Report of the United Nations Forum on Forests on its fifth session (Council resolution 2000/35 and Council decision 2004/235)

(j) Assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations related to assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions, together with relevant background materials (General Assembly resolution 59/45)

Note by the Secretary-General on assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions

(k) Cartography

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the Eighth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for the Americas (Council resolutions 715 A (XXVII) and 1314 (XLIV))

(l) Women and development

Documentation

Relevant sections of the report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its forty-ninth session (General Assembly resolution 42/178 and Council resolution 1987/24)

(m) Transport of dangerous goods

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (Council resolution 2003/64)

14. Social and human rights questions

Documentation

Consolidated report of the Secretary-General on the work of the functional commissions of the Council in 2005 (Council agreed conclusions 2002/1 and Council resolution 2004/63) (also under item 13)

(a) Advancement of women

Documentation

Report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its forty-ninth session (Council resolutions 11 (II) and 1147 (XLI) and Council decision 2004/239)

Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, including progress in the area of gender mainstreaming (General Assembly resolution 59/168 and Council resolution 2004/4) (also under item 7 (e))[2]

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (article 21 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women)[2]

Report of the Executive Board of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (Council resolutions 1998 (LX) and 2003/57)

Report of the Director of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women on the revitalization and strengthening of the Institute (Council resolutions 1988 (LX) and 2003/57)

(b) Social development

Documentation

Report of the Commission for Social Development on its forty-third session (Council resolution 10 (III) and Council decision 2004/241)

(c) Crime prevention and criminal justice

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its fourteenth session (Council resolution 1992/1 and Council decision 2004/242)

Report of the Secretary-General on capital punishment and implementation of the safeguards guaranteeing protection of the rights of those facing the death penalty (Council resolution 1745 (LIV) and Council decision 2004/242)[5]

(d) Narcotic drugs

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its forty-eighth session (Council resolution 9 (I) and Council decision 2004/244)

Report of the International Narcotics Control Board (article 15 of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961; article 18 of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances, 1971; and article 23 of the 1988 United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances)

(e) United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Oral report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (General Assembly resolution 59/172)

(f) Comprehensive implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

Documentation

No request for advance documentation

(g) Human rights

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Human Rights on its sixty-first session (Council resolutions 5 (I) and 9 (II))

Report of the Human Rights Committee (article 45 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights)[2]

Report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (Council resolutions 1988 (LX) and 1985/17)

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (General Assembly resolution 48/141)[2]

(h) Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

Documentation

Report of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues on its fourth session (Council resolution 2000/22 and Council decision 2004/289)

II. Questions for inclusion in the programme of work of the Council for 2006 and list of documents for each agenda item[6]

Substantive session of 2006

A. High-level segment

[Theme/themes to be selected]

(The Council, in its decision 2003/301, decided to consider indigenous issues as a theme for its high-level segment in 2006, in accordance with established procedures set out in General Assembly resolution 50/227)

Documentation

World Economic and Social Survey, 2006

B. Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation segment

Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation

[Theme/themes to be selected]

Follow-up to policy recommendations of the General Assembly

Reports of the Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme/ United Nations Population Fund, the United Nations Children's Fund and the World Food Programme

Documentation

Reports of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/ United Nations Population Fund on its second regular session of 2005 and on its first regular session and annual session of 2006 (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, annex, and 59/250 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Annual report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, annex, and 59/250 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Reports of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund on its second regular session of 2005 and on its first regular session and annual session of 2006 (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, annex, and 59/250 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Annual report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, annex, and 59/250 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Report of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme on its 2005 sessions (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, annex, and 59/250 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Annual report of the Executive Director of the World Food Programme (General Assembly resolutions 50/8 and 59/250 and Council resolution 1995/51)

C. Coordination segment

Coordination of the policies and activities of the specialized agencies and other bodies of the United Nations system related to the following themes

[Theme/themes to be selected]

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the United Nations Public-Private Alliance for Rural Development (follow-up to Council resolution 2004/49, adopted under agenda item 4 (b) which was considered at the Council's 2004 coordination segment)

D. Humanitarian affairs segment

Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance

E. General segment

Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the major United Nations conferences and summits

Review and coordination of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010

Documentation

Annual progress report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010 (General Assembly resolution 59/244 and Council resolution 2004/65)[2]

Coordination, programme and other questions

Reports of coordination bodies

Documentation

Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its forty-sixth session

Annual overview report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination for 2005

Proposed strategic framework for the biennium 2008-2009

Documentation

Relevant sections of the proposed strategic framework for the biennium 2008-2009

Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its forty-sixth session

Ad hoc advisory groups on African countries emerging from conflict

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the assessment of the ad hoc advisory groups of the Council on African countries emerging from conflict (Council resolution 2004/59)

Tobacco or health

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Ad Hoc Inter-Agency Task Force on Tobacco Control (Council resolution 2004/62)

Implementation of General Assembly resolutions 50/227, 52/12 B and 57/270 B

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people (Council resolution 2100 (LXIII))[2]

Regional cooperation

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation (Council decision 1979/1)

Summaries of the surveys of economic conditions in the five regions prepared by the regional commissions (Council resolution 1724 (LIII))

Non-governmental organizations

Documentation

Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations (Council resolutions 3 (II) and 1996/31 and Council decision 1995/304)

Economic and environmental questions

Sustainable development

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Sustainable Development on its fourteenth session (Council decision 1993/207)

Report of the Committee for Development Policy on its eighth session (Council resolutions 1079 (XXXIX), 1625 (LI) and 2000/34)

Science and technology for development

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development on its ninth session (General Assembly resolution 46/235, annex)

United Nations Forum on Forests

Documentation

Report of the United Nations Forum on Forests on its sixth session (Council resolution 2000/35)

Population and development

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Population and Development on its thirty-ninth session (General Assembly resolution 49/128 and Council decision 1995/209)

[Special theme of thirty-ninth session of the Commission on Population and Development in 2006 will be "International migration and development" (General Assembly resolution 59/241)]

Statistics

Documentation

Report of the Statistical Commission on its thirty-seventh session (Council resolutions 1768 (LIV) and 1999/8)

Environment

Documentation

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme (General Assembly resolution 2997 (XXVII))[2]

Human settlements

Documentation

(To be decided pending the outcome of the discussion under the sub-item at the Council's substantive session of 2005)

Cartography

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the twenty-third session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names (Council resolutions 715 A (XXVII) and 1314 (XLIV) and Council decision 2004/303)

Report of the Secretary-General on the seventeenth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific (Council resolutions 715 A (XXVII) and 1314 (XLIV) and Council decision 2004/304)

Social and human rights questions

Advancement of women

Documentation

Report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its fiftieth session (Council resolutions 11 (II) and 1147 (XLI))

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (article 21 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women)[2]

Report of the Executive Board of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (Council resolution 1998 (LX))

Social development

Documentation

Report of the Commission for Social Development on its forty-fourth session (Council resolutions 10 (III) and 1996/7)

Crime prevention and criminal justice

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its fifteenth session (Council resolution 1992/1)

Narcotic drugs

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its forty-ninth session (Council resolution 9 (I))

Report of the International Narcotics Control Board (article 15 of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961; article 18 of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances, 1971; and article 23 of the 1988 United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances)

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Oral report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (General Assembly resolutions 58/153 and 59/172)

Human rights

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Human Rights on its sixty-second session (Council resolutions 5 (I) and 9 (II))

Report of the Human Rights Committee (article 45 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights)[2]

Report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (Council resolutions 1988 (LX) and 1985/17)

Report of the Committee on the Rights of the Child (General Assembly resolution 44/25, annex)

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (General Assembly resolution 48/141)[2]

Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

Documentation

Report of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues on its fifth session (Council resolution 2000/22)

Notes

[1] In the context of its resolution 1998/46, annex III, and General Assembly resolution 57/270 B, the Council will hold a dialogue with the Executive Secretaries of the regional commissions immediately after the high-level segment. An addendum to the report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation will be made available to the Council as a background document (Council decision 2004/323)

[2] Submitted to the General Assembly through the Council.

[3] Submitted to the Council through the Commission on Sustainable Development.

[4] The report of the Secretary-General on the coordinated implementation of the Habitat Agenda (Council decision 2004/300) will be submitted only to the General Assembly, at its sixtieth session (Assembly resolution 59/239).

[5] Submitted to the Council through the Commission on Human Rights and the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice.

[6] The list of questions will be revised in the light of the Council's deliberations on the proposed programme of work for 2005.